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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Allan Kuhns

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 9-14 and 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 and 17-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1.The listing of claims received July 11, 2006 refers to Appl. No. 10/997,378, apparently in error.

2.The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3.Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackey (5,670,553) as set forth in the previous Office action. It is submitted that Mackey teaches or suggests the article structure imputed from the steps of claim 1. Note MPEP 2113.

4.Claims 6-8, 17-20 and 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackey in view of WO 98/25985 (Horn et al.) as set forth in the previous Office action. In teaching the use of mineral oil, Horn et al. teach the use of a petroleum oil, as in amended claim 17.

5.Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackey in view of WO 98/25985 as applied to claims 6-8, 17-20 and 22-26 above, and further in view of Clatty as set forth in the previous Office action.

6.Claims 1-5, 9-14 and 16 are allowed.

7.Applicant's arguments filed July 11, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Concerning the rejection based on Mackey in view of the Horn reference, Applicant argues that claims 17 and 20 have been amended to require an internal mold release agent comprising a fatty acid condensation product that has at

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least one active hydrogen containing group and that Mackey fails to describe such a compound. But, upon comparing of the "B" side composition taught or suggested by Mackey with the "B" side composition reported by Applicant in those examples receiving a relatively positive mold release result, it is the examiner's position that production of the claimed condensation product would be inherent in the practice of the process of Mackey.

With regard to claim 21, Applicant argues that Mackey does not describe mixing with the isocyanate "A" side of the system, and that even though it is recognized that internal mold release agents have been mixed with the "A" side, as described by Clatty, one of ordinary skill in the art would not would not combine Mackey with a general teaching from 10 years prior (Clatty) to do what Mackey explicitly teaches against. But, to the examiner, upon also becoming aware of the teachings of Clatty, one of ordinary skill in the art would have expected a positive mold release result by incorporating the release agent on either the "A" or "B" side.

8.THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allan Kuhns whose telephone number is (571) 272-1202. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson, can be reached on (571) 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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